

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**International Trade Administration** 

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Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On January 8, 2015, the Department of Commerce (the "Department") published in the Federal Register the preliminary results of the 2013-2014 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings ("NMPF") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). The period of review ("POR") is April 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014. This review covers one PRC company, Overseas Industrial Corporation ("OIC"). The Department preliminarily found that OIC is part of the PRC-wide entity. The Department invited interested parties to comment on the Preliminary Results. No parties commented. Accordingly, our Preliminary Results remain unchanged in these final results of review and are adopted as the final results of the review.

DATES: *Effective Date*: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE <u>FEDERAL</u> REGISTER.]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karine Gziryan and Robert Bolling, AD/CVD Operations, Office 4, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>See Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review; 2013-2014</u>, 80 FR 1025 (January 8, 2015) ("<u>Preliminary Results</u>").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 79 FR 30809 (May 29, 2014).

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## Background

On January 8, 2015, the Department published the <u>Preliminary Results</u> in the <u>Federal</u>

Register. We invited interested parties to submit comments on the <u>Preliminary Results</u>, but no comments were received.

# Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are finished and unfinished NMPF with an inside diameter ranging from 1/4 inch to 6 inches, whether threaded or unthreaded, regardless of industry or proprietary specifications. The subject fittings include elbows, ells, tees, crosses, and reducers as well as flanged fittings. These pipe fittings are also known as "cast iron pipe fittings" or "gray iron pipe fittings." These cast iron pipe fittings are normally produced to ASTM A-126 and ASME B.16.4 specifications and are threaded to ASME B1.20.1 specifications. Most building codes require that these products are Underwriters Laboratories (UL) certified. The scope does not include cast iron soil pipe fittings or grooved fittings or grooved couplings. Fittings that are made out of ductile iron that have the same physical characteristics as the gray or cast iron fittings subject to the scope above or which have the same physical characteristics and are produced to ASME B.16.3, ASME B.16.4, or ASTM A-395 specifications, threaded to ASME B1.20.1 specifications and UL certified, regardless of metallurgical differences between gray and ductile iron, are also included in the scope of the order. These ductile fittings do not include grooved fittings or grooved couplings. Ductile cast iron fittings with mechanical joint ends (MJ), or push on ends (PO), or flanged ends and produced to the American Water Works Association ("AWWA") specifications AWWA C110 or AWWA C153 are not included.

Imports of subject merchandise are currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") under item numbers 7307.11.00.30, 7307.11.00.60, 7307.19.30.60, 7307.19.30.85, 7326.90.8588. HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.<sup>3</sup>

### Period of Review

The period of review is April 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014.

### Final Results of Review

As noted the Preliminary Results, OIC has not demonstrated its eligibility for a separate rate. Thus, for these final results, the Department continues to find that OIC is part of the PRC-wide entity and therefore, subject to the rate previously established for the PRC-wide entity (<u>i.e.</u>, 75.50 percent).

# Assessment

The Department will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.<sup>4</sup> The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of these final results of review. The Department intends to instruct CBP to liquidate entries of subject merchandise from OIC at the PRC-wide rate of 75.50 percent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> On April 21, 2009, in consultation with CBP, the Department added the following HTSUS classification to the AD/CVD module for pipe fittings: 7326.90.8588. See Memorandum from Abdelali Elouaradia, Office Director, Import Administration, Office 4 to Stephen Claeys, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration regarding the Final Scope Ruling on Black Cast Iron Cast, Green Ductile Flange and Twin Tee, antidumping duty order on non-malleable iron cast pipe fittings from China, dated September 19, 2008; see also Memorandum to the file from Karine Gziryan, Financial Analyst, Office 4, regarding Module Update adding Harmonized Tariff Schedule Number for twin tin fitting included in the scope of antidumping order on non-malleable iron cast pipe fittings from China, dated April 22, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See 19 CFR 351.212(b) (1).

## Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters which are not under review in this segment of the proceeding but which have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the exporter-specific rate published for the most recent period; (2) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, including OIC, the cash deposit rate will be the PRC-wide rate of 75.50 percent; and (3) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporter(s) that supplied that non-PRC exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

# Notification to Importers Regarding the Reimbursement of Duties

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties has occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

# Notification to Interested Parties

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to the administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely notification of the

destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested.

Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing these results and this notice in accordance with sections

751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary

for Enforcement and Compliance.

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